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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am writing to let you know I feel it is important to maintain competition in broadband/DSL and fiber optic services. I at one time only had one choice of service for the internet. They could charge me anything they wanted. There are now two options for me and it has helped keep the price down by having this little bit of competition. It also keeps the providers on their toes to keep me happy so I do not switch. If you drop this protection I will lose one of those choices and be left with a monopoly to serve me and likely much greater costs for service. Presently I am on a fixed income so this will affect me greatly

I live in a very rural area and do not even get cell phone reception where I live. I run a small business that relies on internet sales. I need choices for a provider to help keep prices down and to provide incentive to help those in rural areas like me get more up to date services.

Please don't leave me in the dust.

Please insure there is ample competition for internet services and do not shut out the competitive market.

Thank you for your time and your ear on this. The small folks of rural America need your support.

Thank you,  
Peggy Leasure  
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